HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 553

By Hicks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jacob Nelson Stanley upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Jacob Nelson Stanley, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on February 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jacob has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 285 includes numerous merit badges and a history of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism. As part of his project, Jacob helped renovate the First United Methodist Church Preschool playground by removing overgrown grass, weeds, and dry-rotted landscaping timbers; installing new landscaping fabric around the inside perimeter of the fence; placing railroad ties with rebar around the outside perimeter of the fence; adding additional pea gravel where needed; and repairing the playground's fence. These renovations will improve safety and make the playground more enjoyable for children; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Jacob Stanley as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jacob Nelson Stanley on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.